

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
BIG STONE GAP DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
v.)
DARIN KENT THOMAS,)
Defendant.)
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Criminal Action No. 2:23-cr-001
By: Michael F. Urbanski
Chief United States District Judge

ORDER

This matter was referred to the Honorable Pamela Meade Sargent, United States Magistrate Judge, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(3), for the purpose of conducting a plea hearing and a plea colloquy under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and preparing proposed findings of fact and a recommendation as to the acceptance of such plea as tendered. The Magistrate Judge filed a Report and Recommendation on March 7, 2023, recommending that defendant's plea of guilty be accepted. ECF No. 95. No objections to the Report and Recommendation have been filed, and the court is of the opinion that the Report and Recommendation should be adopted in its entirety.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that said report and the findings and recommendation contained therein are hereby ACCEPTED IN WHOLE, defendant's plea of guilty is ACCEPTED, and defendant is adjudged GUILTY as to Counts Two and Four of the Indictment. The Clerk of Court hereby is directed to send a certified copy of this Order to all counsel of record.

Entered: March 24, 2023



Michael F. Urbanski
Chief United States District Judge